DENSE IGNORANCE

MISSOURI NATIONAL DIRECTORS ON THE STAND.

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OFFICERS SEEMED TO RUN THINGS THEIR OWN WAY.

Testimony Showed That Bank's Stock Was Bought and Notes Discounted Without Knowledge of the Directors-Took Rieger's Word.

There was more interesting testimony developed yesterday afternoon than at any other time since the trial of President Rie ger and Cashler Covington, of the defunct Missouri National bank, began in the federal court. While the government's attorney, John R. Walker, was pounding away at the defendants and putting in the testimony about the unusual matters connected with the bank and its manage ment, Frank Hagerman, attorney for the defense, landed some heavy blows on the directors who went on the stand and con fessed to their total ignorance of the management of the bank.

It came out in cross examination yes-terday that two of the directors had a heavy indebtedness at the bank. Vice President Henry C. Kumpf and his son carried a \$47,000 debt, which they paid by transferring property to the bank, and the companies in which Director Seth S. Serat was interested owed the bank \$22,000, which has never been paid. Director Henry Hucke had a note for \$10,000 in the bank, which he paid when the bank closed.

While the by-laws of the bank provided for a discount board and the formal reports of all discounts, the records of the directors yesterday showed that such a course was not adopted until the last year of the bank's life. Prior to that time Vice President Kumpf said the loans were made and he knew nothing of them. He explained that lack of knowledge on his part by say ing that the bank's officers enjoyed the perfect confidence of the directors and they trusted them implicitly and he still did.

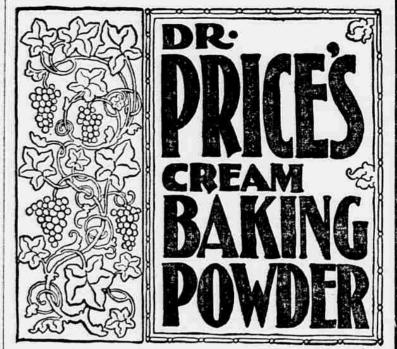
Ing that the bank's officers enjoyed the perfect confidence of the directors and they trusted them implicitly and he still did. Seth Serat, who helped make an examination of the condition of the bank for the directors asying the committee had given careful consideration to each piece of paper held by the bank and believed it good, said yesterday on the stand that the information the committee them received as to the character of the paper was secured from the statements made to the committee by President Rieger, who helped make the examination. He could not recall a single one of the ban notes of which the government complains as being in the discount that at that ime and finally said the only two notes he could recall were the notes that his coal company and Serat Brothers owed the bank's asset of the character of the paper was secured from the statements made to the committee by President Rieger, who helped make the examination. He could not recall a single one of the ban notes of which the government complains as being in the discount that at that time and finally said the only two notes he could recall were the notes that his coal company and Serat Brothers owed the bank's asset of the committee by President Rieger and the said only two notes he could recall were the notes that his coal company and Serat Brothers owed the bank's asset of the said that the said t

later shown that the Third National bank had bought \$90,000 of the bank's bills rewithout recourse, so that loans were not required.

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report from D. A. McKibben and Seth S. Serat. a special committee to determine the condition of the bank. The examiners said they believed all the loans to be good, but recommended that the loan on the Omaha building in Chicago and some local loans be reduced as fast as possible. The minutes of September II, 1896, showed

hank, was called, and exhibited two notes of Harry P. Clark and his father, Asa P. Clark, for \$9.000 and \$18.000, given to the Missouri National bank in November, 1856.



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FOREMOST BAKING POWDER IN ALL THE WORLD.

Sernt Wasn't Consulted, Either. Seth S. Serat, one of the original stock-The minutes of September 11, 1896, showed the authority given the cashier to borrow from banks in New York, St. Louis and Chicago large amounts. On September 16 the directors authorized a settlement with Vice President H. C. Kumpf, to pay him \$5.900 cash and cancel \$10.000 indebtedness he had in the bank, and the indebtedness of \$37,000 of George Kumpf and accept the Tobener building, at northeast corner of Fifteenth street and Grand avenue. The records showed regular dividends declared.

Receiver Wallace's Testimony.

Receiver T. B. Wallace, of the defunct bank, was called, and exhibited two notes holders and a director during the life of

rower and none of his paper was in the bank.

The discount blotter for June 30, 1896, showed a demand note of \$4.99\$ signed by Cashier R. D. Covington and on the same date the Bank of Belton, to the use of B. F. Hargis, got a credit of \$4.69\$. The records tell the story of the sale of five shares of steck to B. F. Hargis to Cashier Covington. Mr. Hargis was called and said he owned at the time fifty shares and his daughter had one. He had frequently talked with President Rieger and finally made the trade with Mr. Covington. He got 90 cents for his own, but insisted on getting par for the one share owned by his daughter. He said Mr. Rieger had told him that some parties were figuring on heavy purchases of stock and he ought to be able to include Mr. Hargis' block in the lot. The sale was not made, however, until after Hood and Lantry had bought in and were on the board of directors.

At the morning session Adam Armstrone. WIFE OF PENNSYLVANIA'S NEW GOVERNOR.

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At the morning session Adam Armstrong, the contractor, was on the stand to tell of his transactions in the Hale Harmess and Fire Supply Company. The bank held a mortgage on the stock of the old Kanssas City Fire Supply Company and when it was sold under mortgage he purchased it for the bank. Later the new company was organized and he went in to accommodate President Rieger, and continued to hold the stock until it was sold to B. W. Townley.

Receiver Wallace Identified the books and records of the bank and gave some facts about the Standard Liquor Company. R. H. Covington, who was discount clerk, was called to the stand with the discount register, to read the record. It showed that C. F. Rieger, a brother of President Rieger, got credit for \$12.000 the day M. W. Oliver's \$12.000 note was discounted. This was May, 1855, and the notes were renewed until the bank falled.

of an Assault. The jury in the case of Samuel H. Estelle, the negro charged with assaulting Mrs. Myrtle V. Hale, a white woman, will There is a very interesting side to the personality of Pennsylvania's governor-elect, of which the great mass of his fellow statesmen know but little—namely, his domestic side. They are destined, however, in the near future to know more of it, for in the case of Colonel Stone the bump of domesticity is well developed. Nothing save his duty to his constituents ever takes him from his home circle, and it is an understood thing in Washington that he is at all times in either one of two places—his home or at the capitol.

His evenings are spent with his wife and children, or, if there is a press of public business, in the office which he has constructed in the basement of his house, where he is at least within hailing distance of the magnetic group above stairs. He is singularly blessed in the personnel of that same group, whose central figure is a young and beautiful wife, who is nevering about form the thoughts of houses of campaign work.

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taine, where Mrs. Hale was employed, when they met the negro. Miss Klinger made her escape by running.

STOOD BY THE TAILOR.

Justice Krueger Held That an Impatient Customer Should Have Given More Time.

The motto, "Never too late to mend," was amended by a jury in Justice Krueger's court yesterday, to read, "Never too late to cut and make." S. L. Seelig, a tailor on Main street, was being sued by Robert Thompson, a colored employe of the Armour Facking Company, to recover money paid to have a suit made and ge damages claimed on account of failure of the tailor to make the suit in the time agreed.

The young negro had selected the cloth The young negro had selected the cloth from which his suit was to be made and had hadvanced \$19\$ of the \$25 which the suit was to cost with the understanding that it was to be done October 10, when the tailor informed him that the goods had been stolen and suggested that he select something else. The customer refused to do this and demanded his money back and on the failure of the tailor to do this brought suit for the \$19\$ deposited and \$20\$ damages. The tailor claimed that he bad bought some more of the goods like that which had been stolen, soon after and offered to make the negro a suit from that. The jury held that the nearro should have given the tailor more time and refused to give judgement even for the \$19\$ which had been paid in.

GETS FIFTEEN YEARS.

Edward Hellman, Well Known Here, Convicted in St. Louis of Burglary.

Edward Hellman, alias Murphy, daylight ourglar, suspected murderer, reputed descendant of an English lord, was on Wednesday convicted of burglary and larceny by a jury in the circuit court at Clayton, and sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary. Hellman was tried for rob-bing the home of William Straszner, of Tuxedo. Hellman is notorious here, having ter-

Heliman is notorious here, having terrorized the residents of Kansas City, Kas., by breaking into their homes in the daytime and robbing them of everything that could be removed. He was arrested by the Kansas City, Kas., police and returned to St. Louis county, where he had five indictments against him, four for burglary and one for jail breaking.

No action has been taken regarding the other four indictments and they will probably be continued.

The St. Louis authorities claim that they have sufficient evidence to prove that Heliman killed Charles Brandt last July. It is probable that an effort will be made to induce the governor to pardon him, when he will be at once arrested for murder, if he is acquitted the county authorities can rearrest him on the remaining four indictments pending against him.

TO WYANDOTTE SHERIFF. The Men Arrested as Suspected Horse

Thieves Turned Over to Kansas Authorities.

Tim Hurt and Otto Blickham, the two suspected horse thieves arrested a week or so ago on fugitive from justice warrants, were turned over by Justive Walls, rants, were turned over by Justive Walls, in whose court they had been held, to Sheriff J. W. Longfellaw, of Wyandotte county. Hart was to have had his hearing before Justice Walls yesterday and Blickham Saturday, but as the sheriff arrived with requisition papers, the prisoners were turned over. The horses they were supposed to have stolen were taken from W. H. Daniels and Henry Gottman, of Armourdale. The flerce bloodhounds of the Wyandotte Anti-Horse Thief Association were put on the trail of the sociation were put on the trail of the men, but failed to find them and the two men were arrested on suspicion on this side of the line. The Wyandotte county officers claim that they have a third mem-ber of the gang in their clutches, who made a confession proving the guilt of Hurt and Blickham and a fourth as yet uncaptured.

NEW COMMISSION FIRM.

issouri and Iowa Live Stock Commission Company, Capital \$60,-000, Incorporates. The Missouri and Iowa Live Stock Com

nission Company, capital stock \$60,000, mission Company, capital stock \$50,000, filed articles of incorporation yesterday. The incorporators are J. W. Nichols, Mendon, Mo.; W. M. Wood, Kansas City, Kas., and E. G. Yowell, Creston, Ia.

Two Boys Given a Day in Jail.

a car on the Belt line railway, were dis-missed with a sentence of a day in jain each on the condition that they tell the name of the man to whom they sold the grain. When arested they said a man promised them he would buy the wheat if they would steal it, but they refused to give the man's name. Yesterday they named F. Marshall, \$29 Southwest boule-vard, as the man. Their names are Oscar Benson and Lon Dedgrine. vard, as the man. Their na Benson and Lon Dedgrine.

Will Keep Tab on Liquor Firms. The Brewers, Bottlers and Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association, capital stock, \$10,000, filed articles of incorporation yester-day. Incorporators: Albert R. Taylor, C. day, Incorporators: Albert R. Taylor, C B. Vandeveer, J. C. Moxon and C. F. Mus-The object of the association is to keep tab on the financial condition of liquor firms for its patrons and creditors.

Woman Doctor Files Diploma Idalia Mae Breese, a young woman 22 years old, registered a doctor's diploma at the county clerk's office yesterday. She is a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Kansas City and one of the few women doctors of the city.

Can Get Drunk at Home.

Police Judge Burnham decided yester-day that it is lawful to get drunk at home and he released Lille McAfee, who was arrested for drunkenness.

Wedding and reception invitations engraved in correct form. Send for samples. Jaccard's, 1034 Main. ***********

PEOPLE IN SOCIETY.

Mrs. George Swift is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Carr, in Leavenworth.

Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Hamilton have re-turned from Richmond, Mo., where they visited friends.

Miss Edith Snow, of Lawrence, is the guest of Mrs. James C. Horton, of 1432 West Prospect place. Mr. and Mrs. George Leiter announce the birth of a son. Mrs. Leiter was formerly Miss Katherine Kelley. Mrs. James William Gaines issued invi-tations yesterday for an at home Fri-day, November 25, from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Miss Libble Schermerhorn returned Wednesday from Bloomington, Ill., where she has been the guest of Mrs. C. J. Rasmussen. The Catholic Ladies' Aid Society has is

sued invitations for a card party on Tues-day, November 22, at the Marquette Club rooms. Hours from 2 to 6 p. m., and from Mrs. A. E. Pattison, of 1721 East Eighth street is entertaining Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Pattison, of San Francisco, their daughter, Mrs. Shawhan, and Mrs. Thomas Hines, of

Jersey City. The Tabernacle Society's invitations were out yesterday for a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Green, 1320 Linwood avenue, on Wednesday, November 23, Hours, from 2 to 10 p. m.

See \$40,000 big building to be sacrificed by Nofsinger. Advertisement on page 9.

T. P. A. Meeting. A meeting of post D. Missouri division. Travelers' Protective Association, will be held to-morrow night at the Midland hotel. The committee on permanent headquarters will report, and a report from the mileage extension committee will also be read.

Have a Majestic Steel Range Put in your kitchen, it will assure you a well cooked Thanksgiving dinner. ZAHNER & BATTELL MFG. CO. Stoves and Hardware. 12 W. 19th st,

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KANSAS CITY, Nov. 18.-Yesterday's temperature: Max., 51; min., 41. To-day we look for fair weather; stationary temp

Strong Tendencies Toward Bargains.

Buying these days means careful study of the prices and qualities of merchandise you buy-never make a purchase anywhere until you see what you can do here. We conduct all of our buying in big quantities, paying cash for what we get; this diminishes the price of an article to you to such an extent you wonder how we do it. The new goods coming in daily clamor for room; to make it we must sell quickly some of the present stocks, so each week the odds and ends and remnants are gathered up for \$ Friday's sale, when the prices are marked down to the lowest minimum.



Misses' Jackets

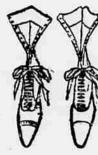
Special Selling To-day of Misses' Winter Jackets, made of Boucle Cheviot, double-breasted, storm collar, ages II, 15 and 18 years, in colors navy, brown and royal blue.

At \$5.00 Each.

You would have to pay \$7 for this garment in a regular way.

About 25 Misses' Jackets carried from last season, in assorted values, none were less than \$7, and from that to \$10 each; ages 14, 15 and 18 years.

\$3.98 Each.



Shoes-Clean-up To-day

Bargain Friday.

To-day (Bargain Friday) we will clean up odds and ends of Shoes at prices that seem absurd. Such prices are made to keep the stock ship shape. Read each item.

One lot of Women's Kid Button, Patent Tip, Kid and Cloth Top Shoes, worth \$2.50, for, a pair\$1.48

Special prices on a lot of odds and ends in fancy pieces for Christmas Presents, Wedding Presents, Anniversary Presents, etc. All are marked far below their regular value.

\$1.50 Sterling Silver La-dies' Fob Chains 50c \$25.09 Gents' Solid Gold Chain \$12.50 \$20.00 Solid Gold Bracelet \$12.50 Sp. 50.00 Solid Gold Bracelet \$10.00 Sp. 50.00 Solid Gold Bracelet \$10.00 Sp. 50.00 Sp. 50.0 for \$7.59 Ladies' Solid Gold for \$10,00
\$7.50 Ladies' Solid Gold Set
Rings \$3.75
\$2.00 Ladies' Gold Plate
Fob Chains 50e
\$3.75 Solid Gold Necklace
for \$2.50
\$2.00 Solid Gold Baby Pins
for \$1.25
\$18.00 Delft Blue Clock
for \$10.00
\$3.00 Microscopes 986

\$10.00 Porcelain and frame for \$6.98 \$15.00 Sevres Vase ...\$7.98 \$3.50 Haviland Plates.\$1.48 \$6.00 Delft Tile Frame.\$3.98 ers \$10,00 Sterling Silver Soap \$5,08 Bex Sterling Silver Grin

\$25.00 Pearl Opera Glasses \$15.00

Santa Claus Coming!

Word has just come from Santa Claus that he will be



morning to see him. Special Sale of toys to-morrow. \$

here all day to-morrow in the Big Toy Room on 5th floor. He brings with him one of \$ his pet deer, which he is 3 going to leave with us all \$ during the holidays. Every child in Kansas City should \$ watch to-night's paper for Santa Claus' announcement and be here early to-morrow \$

Odds and Ends in China

On Bargain Counters.



45c China Pitchers, for. 19c \$2.00 China Cream Pitcher for SDc or Sugar Bowl or \$2.00 Haviland Fruit Bas-6Se \$4.50 dozen China Plates, for, per dozen ... \$2.00 \$1.50 China Soup Turen for \$1.50 China Soup Turen for \$1.98
\$4.59 dozen China Soup
Plates to match, per dozen \$2.00
\$3.99 China Teapot for ... 98e
\$5.00 Haviland Individual
Tea Set, for ... \$1.48

\$5.50 dozen Haviland Soup Plates, for 25c \$2.25 Haviland Pitchers, or \$1.00 Chocolate Jug. \$1.98 or \$1.25 China Cheese Dish. \$1.69 or \$1.35 China Oat Meal Set. 68c \$12.75 Egg Set for\$8.08 \$8.09 Chocolate Set \$6.00 Salad Set, for ... \$4.50 Cream Set for \$1.50 \$1.75 dozen Oat Meal Bowls, each 20c \$1.30 dozen Heavy Hotel Plates, for, each 5c \$11.90 Dinner Sets for \$5.69 \$22,50 China Dinner Set of S19,75 \$2.25 Fancy China Cup and Saucer, for \$1.25

Odds and Ends In Bargain Basement.

40c Tea Spoon, per doz. 25c 25c Asbestos Toaster... 15c 15c Pan Lifter 10c \$12.00 Carving Set\$6.98

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Bargain Friday. Third Floor. Muslin Underwear



Also 2 dozen fancy French Flannel Sacques, that were \$4.00 \$1.98

Dressing Sacques in cardinal and lavender, made with sailor collar, shell stitch, silk embroidered edge, value \$3 each each.

None of these goods sent on ap-

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provat or exchanged.

Odds and Ends Ladies' Jackets, \$1.98.



small sleeves, coat back and high storm collar, in 16, 42 and 44 bust \$1.98

Shawls, 98c.

Single, a 11 2

98c

Boys' Dept. Bargain Friday.



An assorted lot of imported Tam O'Shan-ters, in all silk, in wool, in silk and wool, \$1.00 qualities will be 25c each. \$2.00 qualities will be 48c each. Also an assorted lot of Boys' WARM CAPS-satin lined Golf Caps, with sliding bands, 50c and 75c values, for 25c Each.

Also 10 dozen Boys' Chinchilla and Knit Telescope Caps at

10c Each.

A lot of CAPE OVERCOATS for ages 214 to 5 years, at just one-half the former selling prices, Only about 25 in all, Good and warm, just the garment for the coming cold weather— \$3.00 qualities for \$1.48 \$5.00 qualities for \$2.50, etc.

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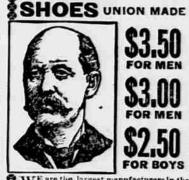
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There is a very interesting side to the in one day, he never yet failed to write or probably return a verdict to-day. All the

was not consulted at any time about that part of the bank's business.

On cross-examination he admitted that as vice president he should have known of these things, but the bank officers were so faithful he had no chance to attend to them himself. He said the president of the bank kept the discount register, and it was used as a standard of the condition.

Two Boys Given a Day in Jail.

On the recommendation of the police and prosecuting attorney, the two boys check for \$1.500 was issued in payment of the bank's stock from H. P. Wright & Co. Miss Elizach on the discount register of the bank's missed with a sentence of a day in jail.

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On the recommendation of the police and prosecuting attorney, the two boys date of fifty shares of the bank's missed with a sentence of a day in jail. the purchase of fifty shares of the bank's stock from H. P. Wright & Co. Miss Elizabeth M. Whiteomb, confidential clerk for H. P. Wright & Co. was next called. She testified she made the sale personally, as Mr. Wright was out of the city. The fifty shares were placed in the hands of the firm by the Midland National bank, having been received from a customer in Chicago who wanted to dispose of them. Miss Whiteomb said she was authorized by Cashier Winants to make the saie and disposed of it to President D. V. Rieger at 90 cents. She delivered the stock personally to him and delivered the tock personally to him and delivered the cashier's check in settlement to Cashier Winants. She identified the cashier's check. George Johnson, who was paying teller of the bank, identified the entry of the paying teller's book showing the payment of the cashier's check, and Mrs. A. T. Barnett, who was general bookk-eper, identified the same entry on the book.

In the published accounts of the bank failure the name of Mr. Peter Soden has been freely mentioned. The facts show his only transaction to be the sale of his stock to the bank officers. He was not a horrower and none of his paper was in the bank.

The discount blotter for June 39, 1896.

BECAME HYSTERICAL. Mrs. Myrtle Hale Almost Overcome

While Relating Her Story

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